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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS, MX
SUBJECT: U.S.-MEXICAN MARITIME BOUNDARIES

REF: (A) STATE 111012; (B) FELDMAN/JUHL TELECON
1. AS PER REFTELS (A) AND (B), GOM FONOFF ACCEPTED
SUGGESTED CHANGES ON SUBJECT DRAFT. CHANGES INCORPORATED
IN FOLLOWING ENGLISH AND SPANISH TEXTS.

START ENGLISH TEXT:

TREATY ABOUT MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES:

CONSIDERING THAT THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES OF BOTH
COUNTRIES WITHIN 12 NAUTICAL MILES SEAWARD WAS ESTAB-
LISHED BY THE "TREATY TO RESOLVE PENDING BOUNDARY
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DIFFERENCES AND MAINTAIN THE RIO GRANDE AND COLORADO RIVER
AS THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES" SIGNED ON NOVEMBER
23, 1970;

TAKING NOTE OF THE DECREE ADDING TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE
POLITICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES TO
ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF MEXICO OUTSIDE THE

TERRITORIAL SEA, AND TO THE FISHERY CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 ESTABLISHING A FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES; BEARING IN MIND THAT, BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1976, THEY PROVISIONALLY RECOGNIZED MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BETWEEN 12 AND 200 NAUTICAL MILES SEAWARD IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE GULF OF MEXICO;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE LINES ACCEPTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1976, ARE PRACTICAL AND EQUITABLE, AND DESIROUS OF AVOIDING THE UNCERTAINTIES AND PROBLEMS THAT COULD ORIGINATE FROM THE PROVISIONAL STATUS OF THE PRESENT MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN 12 AND 200 NAUTICAL MILES SEAWARD;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AGREE TO ESTABLISH AND RECOGNIZE AS THEIR MARITIME BOUNDARIES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATY DATED 23 OF NOVEMBER 1970, THE GEODETIC LINES CONNECTING POINTS, THEIR COORDINATES BEING:

IN THE WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO
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GM.W-1	25 58'30.37" LAT.N.	96 55'17.37" LONG.W.
GM.W-2	26 00'31.00" LAT.N.	96 48'29.00" LONG.W.
GM.W-3	26 00'30.00" LAT.N.	95 39'26.00" LONG.W.
GM.W-4	25 59'48.28" LAT.N.	93 26'42.19" LONG.W.

IN THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO

GM.E-1	25 42'13.05" LAT.N.	91 05'24.89" LONG.W.
GM.E-2	25 46'52.00" LAT.N.	90 29'41.00" LONG.W.
GM.E-3	25 41'46.52" LAT.N.	88 23'05.54" LONG.W.

IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

OP-1	32 32'22.11" LAT.N.	117 27'49.42" LONG.W.
OP-2	32 37'37.00" LAT.N.	117 49'31.00" LONG.W.
OP-3	31 07'58.00" LAT.N.	118 36'18.00" LONG.W.
OP-4	30 32'31.20" LAT.N.	121 51'58.37" LONG.W.

THE COORDINATES OF THE GEODETIC POINTS REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE DETERMINED FROM THE 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM.

ARTICLE II

THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES NORTH OF THE MARITIME
BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE I, AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA SOUTH OF SAID BOUNDARIES SHALL NOT CLAIM OR
EXERCISE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OR JURISDICTION OVER THE WATERS
OR SEABED AND SUBSOIL.

ARTICLE III

THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS TREATY IS TO ESTABLISH THE
DEMARCATON OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES.

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THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS TREATY
SHALL NOT AFFECT OR PREJUDICE IN ANY MANNER THE POSITIONS
OF EITHER PARTY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTENT OF INTERNAL
WATERS, OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, OF THE HIGH SEAS OR OF
SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OR JURISDICTION FOR ANY PURPOSE.

ARTICLE IV

THIS TREATY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AND WILL
ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY WHEN THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATI-
FICATION ARE EXCHANGED AND SUCH EXCHANGE WILL BE DONE IN
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DONE AT MEXICO CITY, MAY 4, 1978, IN THE ENGLISH AND
SPANISH LANGUAGES, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED MEXICAN STATES

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END TEXT.

START SPANISH TEXT

TRATADO SOBRE LIMITES MARITIMOS ENTRE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS MEXICANOS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA.

EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS Y EL
GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA:

CONSIDERANDO QUE LOS LIMITES MARITIMOS ENTRE LOS DOS
PAISES HASTA UNA DISTANCIA DE DOCE MILLAS NAUTICAS MAR
ADENTRO FUERON DETERMINADOS POR EL "TRATADO PARA RESOLVER
LAS DIFERENCIAS FRONTERIZAS PENDIENTES Y PARA MANTENER A
LOS RIOS BRAVO Y COLORADO COMO LA FRONTERA INTERNACIONAL
ENTRE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
DE AMERICA," FIRMADO EL 23 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1970;

TOMANDO NOTA DEL DECRETO POR EL QUE SE ADICIONA EL
ARTICULO 27 DE LA CONSTITUCION POLITICA DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS MEXICANOS PARA ESTABLECER UNA ZONA ECONOMICA
EXCLUSIVA DE MEXICO SITUADA FUERA DEL MAR TERRITORIAL Y
DE LA LEY DE CONSERVACION Y ADMINISTRACION DE PESQUERIAS
DE 1976 POR LA QUE SE ESTABLECE UNA ZONA DE CONSERVACION
DE PESQUERIAS FRENTE A LA COSTA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS.

TENIENDO PRESENTE QUE, POR UN CANJE DE NOTAS DEL 24
DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1976 RECONOCIERON, CON CARACTER PRO-
VISIONAL, SUS LIMITES MARITIMOS ENTRE LAS DOCE Y LAS
DOSCIENTAS MILLAS NAUTICAS MAR ADENTRO, EN EL GOLFO DE
MEXICO Y EL OCEANO PACIFICO.

RECONOCIENDO QUE LAS LINEAS QUE ACEPTARON MEDIANTE
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EL CANJE DE NOTAS DE 24 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1976 SON
PRACTICAS Y EQUITATIVAS, Y

DESEOSOS DE EVITAR LAS INCERTIDUMBRES Y LOS PROBLEMAS QUE PUDEIRA ORIGINAR EL CARACTER PROVISIONAL QUE ACTUALMENTE TIENEN LOS LIMITES MARITIMOS ENTRE LAS DOCE Y LAS DOSCIENTAS MILLAS NAUTICAS MAR ADENTRO.

HAN CONVENIDO LO SIGUIENTE:

ARTICULO I

LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA ESTAN DE ACUERDO EN ESTABLECER Y RECONOCER COMO SUS LIMITES MARITIMOS EN EL GOLFO DE MEXICO Y EN EL OCEANO PACIFICO, ADEMAS DE LOS ESTABLECIDOS POR EL TRATADO DE 23 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1970, LAS LINEAS GEODESICAS QUE CONECTEN LOS PUNTOS CUYAS COORDENADAS SON:

EN EL GOLFO DE MEXICO, AL PONIENTE:

(SAME AS ENGLISH TEXT)

EN EL GOLFO DE MEXICO, AL ORIENTE:

(SAME AS ENGLISH TEXT)

EN EL OCEANO PACIFICO:

(SAME AS ENGLISH TEXT)

LAS COORDENADAS DE LOS PUNTOS GEODESICOS ANTERIORES FUERON DETERMINADAS CON REFERENCIA AL DATUM DE NORTE-AMERICA DE 1927.

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ARTICULO II

LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS AL NORTE DE LOS LIMITES MARITIMOS ESTABLECIDOS EN EL ARTICULO I, Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA AL SUR DE DICHOS LIMITES, NO RECLAMARAN NI EJERCERAN PARA NINGUN PROPOSITO DERECHOS DE SOBERANIA O JURISDICCION SOBRE LAS AGUAS, O EL LECHO Y SUBSUELO MARITIMOS.

ARTICULO III

EL UNICO PROPOSITO DEL PRESENTE TRATADO ES EL DE ESTABLECER LA DEMARCACION DE LOS LIMITES MARITIMOS ENTRE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA.

LOS LIMITES MARITIMOS ESTABLECIDOS POR ESTE TRATADO NO AFECTARAN NI PERJUDICARAN, DE MANERA ALGUNA, LAS POSICIONES DE CUALQUIERA DE LAS DOS PARTES RESPECTO A LA EXTENSION DE LAS AGUAS INTERIORES, DEL MAR TERRITORIAL, DE LA ALTA MAR, O DE LOS DERECHOS DE SOBERANIA O DE LA

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JURISDICCION PARA CUALQUIER OTRO PROPOSITO.

ARTICULO IV

EL PRESENTE TRATADO ESTA SUJETO A RATIFICACION Y ENTRARA EN VIGOR EL DIA DEL CANJE DE LOS INSTRUMENTOS DE RATIFICACION, EL CUAL SE EFECTUARA EN LA CIUDAD DE WASHINGTON TAN PRONTO COMO SEA POSIBLE.

HECHO EN LA CIUDAD DE MEXICO EL DIA CUATRO DE MAYO DE 1978, EN ESPANOL E INGLES, SIENDO AMBOS TEXTOS IGUALMENTE AUTENTICOS.

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